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SUBJ: RETURN OF FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS
TO PHNOM PENH

REF: PHNOM PENH 8125 (NOTAL)

1. A SIGNIFICANT INDICATOR OF THE GREATER CONFIDENCE
WITH WHICH FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN PHNOM PENH
VIEW THE CURRENT MILITARY SITUATION HERE IS THE RETURN IN
RECENT DAYS OF SOME DIPLOMATIC STAFF AND DEPENDENTS WHO
HAD BEEN EVACUATED IN LATE JULY AND EARLY AUGUST. FOUR
OUT OF THE EIGHT DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS WHICH WE HAVE INTEGRATED
INTO OUR OWN EVACUATION PLAN HAVE BROUGHT BACK A TOTAL OF
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TWELVE STAFF, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE FROM 44 ON AUGUST 22

TO A CURRENT TOTAL OF 56. IN ADDITION, SIX WIVES HAVE RETURNED AND SIX OTHERS ARE EXPECTED BACK BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

2. CURRENT PERSONNEL FIGURES (COMPARED WITH THOSE OF AUGUST 22) OF THE EIGHT EMBASSIES INTEGRATED INTO OUR EVACUATION PLAN ARE AS FOLLOWS: AUSTRALIA: STAFF UP FROM 6 TO 9 WITH 3 WIVES EXPECTED BY END OF SEPTEMBER; UK: STAFF UP FROM 7 TO 12 WITH 4 WIVES ALREADY RETURNED; REPUBLIC OF CHINA: STAFF UNCHANGED AT 7; FRG: STAFF UP FROM 1 TO 3 PLUS ONE WIFE; ISRAEL: STAFF UP FROM 2 TO 4 PLUS ONE WIFE; JAPAN: STAFF UNCHANGED AT 8; KOREA: STAFF UNCHANGED AT 9 WITH 3 WIVES EXPECTED SOON; LAOS: STAFF UNCHANGED AT 4.

3. WHILE IN A DIFFERENT CATEGORY FROM THE AFOREMENTIONED EMBASSIES, THE FRENCH EMBASSY HAS ENCOURAGED THE RETURN OF THE MANY FRENCH TEACHERS AND TECHNICAL ADVISERS WHO NORMALLY WORK HERE. THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HAS TOLD ITS DEPENDENTS THAT THEIR STAY IN PHNOM PENH WILL PROBABLY TERMINATE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE DRY SEASON WHEN THE AUSTRALIANS BELIEVE ENEMY ATTACKS AGAINST THE CITY WILL RESUME.

4. E&E IMPLICATIONS OF THIS RETURN FLOW OF DIPLOMATS AND THEIR DEPENDANTS WILL BE DISCUSSED SEPTTEL.
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